

REMARKS

This Supplementary Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated March 15, 2004. This responds supplements the RCE mailed April 22, 2004 and includes the 37 C.F.R. §1.131 Affidavit of George Winfield Treese.

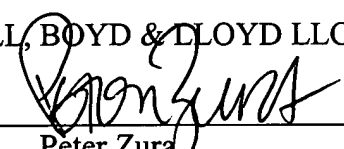
Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lara D. Catledge et al., Characterizing Browsing Strategies in the World Wide Web (*Catledge*) in view of Bob Novick, *The Click Stream* (*Novick*).

Catledge was published at the Third International World-Wide Web Conference, in April, 1995. *Novick* was posted on the Internet on March 20, 1995. Attached to the present response is an affidavit made by George Winfield Treese, one of the inventors named in the present application. In the affidavit Mr. Treese, having been duly sworn, states that the invention described and claimed in the present invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to March 20, 1995. Thus, even if the combined teaching of *Catledge* and *Novick* taught or suggested the invention claimed in the present application, the articles were not published in this or a foreign country before the date of invention by the Applicant. Accordingly, *Catledge* and *Novick* may not be considered prior art for purposes of 35 U.S.C §103(a) against the present application. Therefore, all of the pending claims are allowable over the art of record.

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